



KCCRT CONNECTION

Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board

December 2017

WRIGHT TO RETIRE



After more than a decade as a staff member with KCCRB, CJ Wright has decided to retire. She will be leaving her position as Training Coordinator at the end of December. While she is retiring from her paid position, CJ will remain with KCCRB as a member of the KCCRT.

During her time with KCCRB she has touched countless individuals through her training courses, responses and team involvement. As a long-standing member of the agency, CJ is known across the commonwealth. In recognition of her years of service to the commonwealth and the agency, a reception will be held in her honor. The invitation can be viewed by clicking the link below.

<https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/df0c67a8a1508a6ac475>

Please join us in recognizing CJ's years of service to our commonwealth.

NEW COORDINATORS

Congratulations to the following two team members for being appointed coordinators for their respective regions effective December 1, 2017. Both ladies have demonstrated a commitment to providing the best service to our team members and those we serve.

Sandy has 11 years experience on the team, a passion for helping others, and knowledge of the region and team. She stepped in to fill the role of Logistics Coordinator for the region during the coordinator's leave of absence. Sandy has been appointed as a Region 5 Co-Coordinator.

Eliza is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Through her position with Adanta and being a member of the Region 10 team for more than two years, Eliza brings a knowledge of the area and the available resources. Eliza has been appointed the Region 10 Team Coordinator.



Sandy McClain,
Region 5



Eliza Clontz,
Region 10



SPECIAL SECTION

K-9 TEAMS RESPOND TO CRITICAL INCIDENTS

Why KCCRT K9 Strike Teams?

KCCRT is very fortunate to have the K9 Compassion Strike Team as a resource. These specialized team members enhance any response our team is deployed to. Our Compassion Strike Team members are very willing to travel outside their regions to support our regular team members when requested.



Why are the dog teams a part of

KCCRT?

Many people are familiar with bomb detection canines or search and rescue canines. KCCRT's crisis response canines are in the same classification: they are working dogs.

Their job is to help people transition from an acute emotional phase to a more cognitive phase. These canines can alert to stress and also react in ways to help people in distress.

So they are the same as a therapy dog?

NO. Therapy dogs are trained to visit positive, safe, and predictable environments such as hospitals and libraries. The people receiving the therapy dog teams are prepared and happy to see them.

Crisis response canines have special training to work in stressful, unpredictable environments while dealing with people in great distress, experiencing intense emotions.

During a KCCRT actual response what do they do?

As working dogs, they interact with their handler and alert to emotions or acute reactions present in a room. When a crisis canine alerts to someone, the person likely will benefit from further interaction such as a one-on-one.



For people who engage with the canine, there is a non-verbal exchange in which the dog is used as a transitional object. The interaction with the dog provides a reality grounding experience, which often reduces physiological stress and results in future psychological healing.

How can I support the Canine Compassion Strike Team when they are on a response?

Keep an open dialog with the handler. If the canine alerts to a member of a group, the canine may continue to work the room while you are able to engage with the person the dog alerted to.

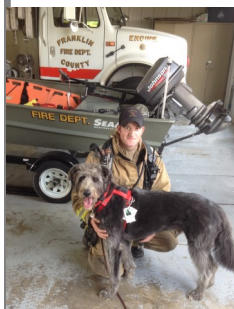
Help remove any non-working canines. Often, people see the dog team and assume they can bring their dog too. However, all mem-

bers of the canine team have been trained to do a very specific job, and it's critical to their effectiveness not to involve other non-working dogs. Imagine bringing your house dog to help a bomb detection dog. Not only would it not be effective, your dog would be a dangerous distraction.

What else should I know about working with the Canine Compassion team?

The Canine team can help facilitate group interventions.

When you have a canine present, it allows our consumers to have a common focus, helping to facilitate group cohesion over isolation. With group cohesion, participation tends to increase and participants are able to get a more valuable experience.

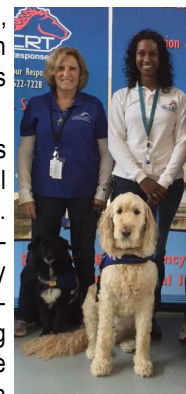


KYPCIS

Kentucky Post Critical Incident Seminar

After three years of planning and collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Training, Kentucky held its inaugural Post Critical Incident Seminar on September 18 – 20, 2017. Twenty-four (24) police officers and eleven (11) spouses/significant others participated in this three-day intensive seminar.

What is PCIS? The Post-Critical Incident Seminar is a three-day seminar modeled after highly successful programs developed by the FBI and South Carolina. These seminars are led by mental-health professionals trained to work with peace officers, and driven by a team of law enforcement peers who have experienced their own critical incident and received training through the KYLEAP strike team of KCCRB. The mental health professionals offer blocks of instruction about grief, relationships, medications and stress management. Additional one-on-one therapy is available. Peer law enforcement team members instill trust, aid in breaking down stigma and lead to officers who typically would not seek help to getting the assistance they need and deserve.



It is exciting for KCCRB to be a key partner in this highly effective program. It is even more exciting that KCCRB provided a service at Kentucky's PCIS that no other states have integrated to date, the presence of our K9 Compassion Strike Team. Ziggy and his human partner Dr. Dorathy Lachman and Reese and her human partner Shirley Green provided outstanding support services to the thirty-five (35) participants. Feedback from the participants regarding our K9 team was extremely favorable. Rev. Lee Twombly, Mrs. Debby-Dawson-Crain, and former team member Mike Freville also participated as well as nine (9) of our KYLEAP team members.

RESPONSES

HURRICANES

KCCRB ACTIVITY ON NATIONAL DISASTERS

KCCRB has so far provided pre- and post- deployment services to Medical Teams that were deployed to Texas and Florida. We have not had requests to serve Puerto Rico to date. KCCRB is also a liaison between some requests and State Boards. No KCCRT members have been deployed to a stricken area so far. We will keep you informed as these situations continue to expand.

Kentucky Responses

September 2017

Total Incidents:	3
Total Response Services:	14
Individuals Assisted:	60

October 2017

Total Incidents:	2
Total Response Services:	6
Individuals Assisted:	17

Preparedness Activities

On Friday, October 20th our team participated in an active shooter exercise with the Marshall County Health Department. This exercise was the first time KCCRB has participated with the Marshall County Health Department in an exercise. Below is a card received in our office.



Thank you for all you did to make the active shooter drill a success. Janna
We appreciate your participation! GREAT JOB!
Jenny Davis

Thank You!
Suzanne Williams

Thank you
Jana H.

Thank you
Chris Thompson

Thank You!
-Jodie Hughes

NEW PEER SUPPORT TEAM

KCCRB was established by passage of Senate Bill 112 in 1996. Throughout the agency's history our highly skilled volunteer teams have been providing critical incident stress management services across the commonwealth to first responders and disaster-impacted communities. While the agency continues to provide these services our "branding" of the teams has evolved.

With the success of the KYLEAP team in developing a law enforcement peer support team, the agency leadership decided to develop a first responder peer support team to recruit firefighters, EMS personnel and 9-1-1 dispatchers. After weeks of discussion with the board and the regional leadership the concept of the Kentucky Emergency Services Peer Support (KESPS) team was developed.



With the assistance of many individuals, the following marketing tools have been developed.



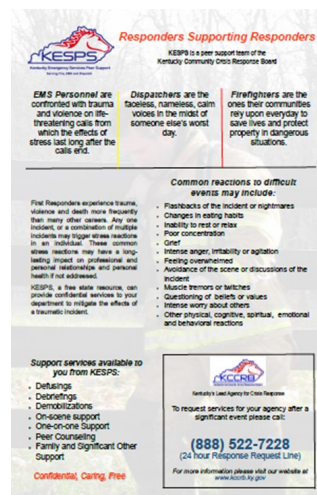
"Responders Supporting Responders"



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Kentucky's Lead Agency for Crisis Response



The brochure provides information on the importance of critical incident stress management for first responders. It also provides information on team membership and trainings available to first responders. The poster provides information on common reactions as well as services available for departments experiencing a critical incident.

We are currently working to get the poster and brochure in as many fire departments, dispatch centers and EMS stations as possible. If you would be interested in helping distribute these materials, please contact our office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING INFORMATION

Quarterly Team Trainings

REG DATE

4 12/7/2017 6:00pm Conference Call

11 1/11/18 6:00pm Lex. Fire Training Center, 1375 Old Frankfort Pike Lexington 40504

Every Region has the same training, so if you cannot make it to the one in your region, you can attend other regional ones.

Additional dates and times to be sent out at a later date.

Upcoming Trainings

HOLD THE DATE—April 13—14, 2018
Annual Team Training

REGISTER FOR TRAININGS AT

<https://kccrb.ky.gov/training/Pages/training.aspx>

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

TEAM MEMBER WEB PORTAL!

This Portal on our New website is restricted to members only.

- ◆ **STEP 1:** Go to: <http://kentucky.gov/register/Pages/default.aspx> and register. You will need your username and password to access members only area.
- ◆ **STEP 2:** Send your USERNAME to Kelli at m.k.robinson.nfg@mail.mil

INFORMATION SHARING

STAY CONNECTED LINKS (Control+Click)

- FACEBOOK (for team members only)
- FACEBOOK (public page)
- KHELPS
- TEXT MESSAGE (Important Info Blasts) Text 40404 with message "Follow KCCRT1"
- TWITTER (Important Info Blasts)
- INSTAGRAM
- LINKEDIN

